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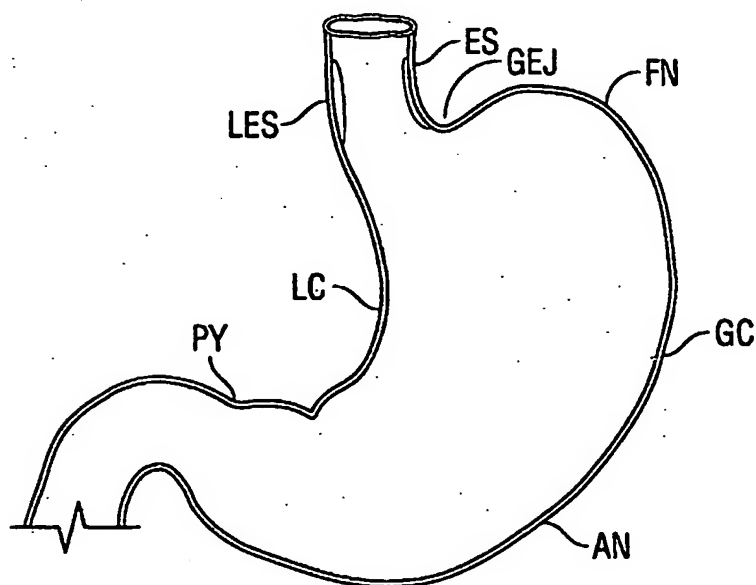
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described herein. These methods
and devices relate generally to
medical apparatus and methods and
more particularly to devices and
methods for affecting a change in
the function of a hollow body organ,
particularly a stomach, intestine or
gastrointestinal tract. These changes
can include reducing the volume
capacity of the hollow body organ,
disrupting or altering the normal
function of the organ, functionally
excluding certain sections of the
organ either by affixing adjacent
tissue or excising certain regions, or
affecting or correcting the response
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